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SUBJECT: RHODESIA:

SUMMARY. KAUNDA TOLD GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT SALISBURY  
AGREEMENT WAS MEANINGLESS AND WARNED THAT UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS  
ON AAP WERE RESUMED, WE COULD BE FACING MILITARY CONFLICT  
AND INCREASED SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT. THE SAME APPROACH-  
WITHOUT APPEAL FOR RESUMPTION OF AAP NEGOTIATIONS--  
IS BEING MADE TO THE PRESS. THE CAMPAIGN IS A MEASURE OF  
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CONCERN OVER THE DIRECTION EVENTS ARE TAKING. WE DOUBT  
THAT ZAMBIA IS YET IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO ALL OUT SUPPORT FOR  
A MILITARY EFFORT INCLUDING COMMUNIST BACKING.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR REPORTED TO THE BRITISH HIGH  
COMMISSIONER AND ME THAT HE HAD BEEN SUDDENLY SJMMONED TO

SEE KAUNDA TODAY TO DISCUSS RHODESIA.

2. THE PRESIDENT COMPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTION ON THE AAP SINCE MALTA. HE SAID IT WAS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PROCESS BE CONTINUED IF A HOLOCAUST WAS TO BE AVOIDED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED IN SALISBURY SO FAR AS HE COULD TELL WAS "WORSE THAN THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS". SMITH HAD NO INTENTION OF GIVING UP POWER. KAUNDA PREDICTED THERE WOULD BE A "NEW UDI" (SMITH SEIZURE OF POWER) BY NOVEMBER. HE SAID THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR KNEW HIS VIEWS. PRESIDENT CARTER UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN ETHIOPIA BUT HE WAS NOT SURE THEY REALIZED THAT THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN HERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID IT WAS IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AAP. THIS COULD BE DONE AT THE WORKING LEVEL WITH CARVER AND CHAND. THEY COULD MEET ANYWHERE THEY WANTED TO BUT IT SHOULD BE IN CONTINUOUS SESSION. KAUNDA ASKED THAT THE GERMANS, AS FRIENDS OF BOTH THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH, IMPRESS ON THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF RESUMING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WHEN THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE ALREADY CUBANS IN ZAMBIA, KAUNDA SIGHED. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KAUNDA HOW HE ENVISIONED BRINGING TOGETHER THE NATIONALIST PARTIES IN AND OUTSIDE OF RHODESIA BUT KAUNDA DID NOT REPLY.

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4. THE AMBASSADOR THOUGHT IT WAS LIKELY THAT GENSCHER WOULD CONTACT SECRETARY VANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. COMMENT: THE IRONY OF THE ALMOST DESPERATE APPEALS FROM KAUNDA FOR US TO APPLY OURSELVES SERIOUSLY TO THE AAP IS MANIFEST. KAUNDA, HIS PRESS SECRETARY (REFTTEL) AND OTHER ZAMBIANS ARE TRYING TO IMPRESS ON THE WORLD THE INEVITABILITY OF MILITARY CONFLICT IF THE INTERNAL OPTION IS FOLLOWED AND ARE WAVING THE FLAG OF THE RED MENACE TO EMPHASIZE THEIR POINT. WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ACTUALLY PREPARED TO FOLLOW THIS ROUTE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THE DANGER OF COURSE IS THAT THEY WILL BE CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN PROPHECY, ENCOURAGING ITS FULFILLMENT. THEY ARE NOT YET FULLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT AN UNRESTRAINED MILITARY ATTACK ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT OR TO COMMUNIST ASSISTANCE. THEIR WARNINGS TO US AT LEAST IMPLY RECOGNITION OF THE DIRECTION THEIR POLICIES ARE TAKING THEM. THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO STEP BACK FROM THE BRINK AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO. LOW

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